



### **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2004**

Charleston Air Force Base, SC  
September 04

### **315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Excellence Over the Years**

[www.afrc.af.mil/315aw/315.alumni.htm](http://www.afrc.af.mil/315aw/315.alumni.htm)

**Flight 315 Bulletin...***news of our heroes, 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Alumni Association*

### **EVENTS**

ALUMNI BUSINESS MEETING – 11 September  
ALUMNI LUNCHEON – 6 October  
MINI – C 17 “ROLLOUT” Ceremony – 5 November  
TOPS IN BLUE – 11 November  
ALUMNI CHRISTMAS PARTY – 11 December 04  
VETERANS DAY PARADE – 7 November 04

*Come ride on the 315 Airlift Wing Alumni Veteran's Day Parade Float!*

There is space on the float for 12 to 14 alums...call to reserve your space 843-963-2036 or sign the roster at the 6 October Luncheon Meeting. Let's fill the float and show we care about our men and women who serve our nation. After the parade enjoy free burgers and refreshments by the fine folks from Outback Steak House served in front of the VA Hospital under the canopy. Park at the VA Hospital and take the free shuttle bus at 1:15 to 1:30 pm to the parade site from the back of the Hospital parking lots.

### **CELEBRATIONS AND WELCOMES**

-315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Commander Colonel Gary L. Cook celebrates 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary...Aboard Flight 315!

-1Lt. Wayne Capps has a new assignment as Chief of Public Affairs of the 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing. Lt. Capps follows Lt. Colonel Chris King who recently retired as Public Affairs Officer.

## PLAQUES

**Wing Commanders & Command Chiefs Past to Present...***beautiful plaques honoring these are placed in the hallway of the 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing headquarters. Take a minute to view them on your next visit was part of the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wing. Plaques donated in recognition by the Airlift Wing and the Alumni Association.*

Col William A. Willis	1969-1970
Col Richard J. Boyle	1970-1971
Col Richard P. McFarland	1971-1974
Col David Guminski (interim)	1974-1974
Col David L. Webber	1974-1975
Col Marc M. McClelland	1975-1978
Col John G. Sullivan	1978-1980
Col Billy R. Henderson	1980-1988
Col Michael J. Peters	1988-1989
Col Robert B. Stephens	1989-1990
Col James P. Czekanski	1990-1992
Brig Gen James D. Bankers	1992-1997
Col Edward Stickler	1997-2000
Brig Gen Gerald A. Black	2000-2003
Col Gary L. Cook	2003-present

### **Command Chief Master Sergeants**

Chief Master Sgt John A. Mimms	1976-1978
Chief Master Sgt John H. Alexander	1978-1980
Chief Master Sgt James E. Gentry	1980-1984
Chief Master Sgt Len Stempin	1984-1986
Chief Master Sgt George A. Shread J r.	1986-1991
Chief Master Sgt Donnell V. Blewer	1991-1994
Chief Master Sgt Charles A. Lowe	1994-1999
Chief Master Sgt Jim Minor	1999-2002
Chief Master Sgt. Michael G. Petersen	2002-present

## MINI-C

The alumni presented another check to the 315<sup>th</sup> AMXS team for the mini-model C-17 at the August business meeting. Thank you so much for supporting this outstanding, ongoing project. Alums have contributed **15% of the cost** to date. You are the best fly crews and alumni members! You may send your donation to the alumni association...name to be entered on the appreciation plaque. Don't forget to attend the dedication ceremony set for 5 November 2004 which is a date change from 1 October.

## INFORMATION YOU CAN USE

**Information you can use...**pass the information on to the family.

### **Positions...**

Opportunities for Airmen to become enlisted aviators are taking off as nine aircrew specialties are opening up for retraining. The Air Force's senior enlisted aviator said

more than 360 training slots are available for enlisted Airmen in ranks Senior Airman through Master Sergeant. Story at <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123008392>

**Base Library - Wanted Books** Doing spring cleaning or getting ready to PCS? Do you have books, CDs, DVDs or videos you don't need or want anymore? Donate them to your Charleston Base Library. The Library has hundreds of new popular DVDs. Come by the Library to see what titles we have available. DVDs can be checked out for one week and may not be renewed. There is a limit of four DVDs per family.

**Wrenwoods Golf Course - BIG NEWS!** Anticipated opening day for the new greens is Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will offer many activities for the grand opening weekend of Labor Day. Currently, a new clubhouse is under construction adjacent to the #14 tee box. Due to the renovations, the Charleston AFB Invitational will not be held. So plan ahead and join us next year on September 23, 24 and 25. We look forward to hosting the 2005 Invitational in a new clubhouse and on all new greens!

**Charleston Base Services** - available to members check them out at: [www.437services.com](http://www.437services.com)

**Alumni Polo Shirt...**order yours today; state size, make check payable to 315 AW Alumni Association. \$25.00 plus \$3.00 shipping. Sale of shirts supports the alumni activities.

***It is a pleasure to hear from members...please "Keep in touch!"... 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Alumni Assoc.***